



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 434

LCO No. 2386



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT FUNDING A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) The sum of three hundred
2 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Public Health,
3 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, for a
4 traumatic brain injury treatment pilot program to provide to the
5 critical care units of three trauma hospitals in this state, selected by the
6 Commissioner of Public Health, an evidence-based clinical decision
7 support tool that has been shown in other states to significantly
8 improve patient outcomes in the treatment of severe head injuries and
9 reduce health care costs. Such clinical decision support tool shall be
10 used by physicians and nurses in such critical care units in real time
11 and at the point of care. The commissioner shall select the participating
12 hospitals based on the volume of severe head trauma patients treated
13 at the hospital's critical care unit, the critical care unit staff's
14 commitment to participation in such pilot program and the hospital's
15 focus on delivering and measuring high-quality care and optimal
16 patient outcomes.

17 (b) The commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the
18 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
19 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
20 relating to public health and appropriations and the budgets of state
21 agencies, describing such pilot program, the participating hospitals
22 and any findings regarding patient outcomes and health care costs as a
23 result of using such clinical decision support tool.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To appropriate three hundred thousand dollars for a traumatic brain injury treatment pilot program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]